

CATECHISM REVISION.

HOLY SEE BRINGING CONFESSION OF FAITH UP TO DATE.

Some Who to Provide a Single Form for the Whole Catholic World—Why Different Nations and Dioceses Should Adapt Catechism to Their Needs.

Rome, July 4.—The Holy See is busy engaged in rejuvenating the catechism. In Italy several Bishops are at work editing a catechism that shall do for the whole country. In France a like work is going on. The Pope has granted favorably the new Bourgeois catechism printed by order of Mgr. Sermontet. Spontaneously the mind has sought the chief difficulty of the catechism. The catechism is the most sublime and most effective book of humanity. It is therefore its very definition and essence the hardest to write and to explain. His-

tory shows few doctors who have found the subtle and mysterious means of joining this individual instruction to theology.

The exoter of souls, Mgr. Dupanloup, the epitome of Renan—in a work in four volumes collected the experiments of the specialists, from the "Doctrina Christiana" of St. Augustine to his own catechism. Dupanloup, Ketteler, Bossuet, Gerson, St. Augustine, have all played on that sacred ground from which resound the notes of heaven and earth. Of all the catechisms only two, one French, the other German, seem to suffice for the ideal catechism. I leave aside the catechism of the Council of Trent, that masterpiece of fairness doctrine, and Bossuet's, that marvel of definition.

The latter has no longer for us a strict logical order, although it has established a precise phrasing. It lacks the popular account, the sensible and visible notation, the happy imagery, the synthetic and catching form. Clean, simple, concrete, living, precise, exact, such are the characteristics of the catechism as a rule, however, they are obscure, complex, abstract, lifeless, vague, inadequate, it is impossible for the mind to grasp the meaning of these materials, conceived and executed apart from all psychological laws.

The Holy See and its hunters of souls have opened up the prospect of one single catechism. As a direction for the catechist it would be a good thing, but God deliver us from it as a catechism. To be put into the hands of children, the catechism is something applied to unequal powers of reception, what the ecclesiastic called the potentia obedientia. A bright-minded Italian, a logical and intuitive Frenchman, needs a kind of instruction which a native of Appenzel or a Dutchman would follow with difficulty.

To break up into small coin, translucent and current, appealing to the imagination, sense and emotion, the last goal of the most profound and sublime doctrine—that is the problem. The doctrine in which living faith is kept up are those in which the Bishop has taught the catechism with exact proportion between objectivity and subjectivity with the perception and partial realization of the relation between the mystery and the fluid imagination of the child. For example, Lombardy and Mainz. Mgr. Ketteler when he made his confirmation rounds had the catechism repeated in his presence, he taught it himself. He attached such importance to it that he gave it the place of honor in his marvellously efficient apostolate.

Politicians and speculators, equally dangerous classes, sometimes look for the catechism as a means of regression. From the religious point of view they make up absurd systems. It is this thing or that thing. Not at all, it is the lack of a good catechism, it is the inferiority of the catechism. In Italy people still know their religion, in France they no longer know it. It is not the people that are lacking in duty to the Church, it is the priest who fails in his duty to the people.

The next sacerdotal congress should provide us with exact data regarding the districts where the catechism is taught. As a general rule people are irreligious not because they hate religion, but because they know nothing about it. Now, in certain places, which I shall not name, ignorance in religious matters surpasses belief. Around Paris itself, that corrupt and corrupting China, hundreds of thousands of persons can neither go to the priest nor learn the catechism.

The new Bourgeois catechism preserves the old framework because tradition forced on it this painful reverence. It is a pity. But the new edition marks a great advance. It is clear, orderly, sensible, concrete and popular. For its doctrine it has taken St. Thomas and the catechism of Trent as its models, for its literary form, Bossuet. The editor at the start had a very happy idea—he made some use of the historic method. Why did he not keep on that track? Religion is a historical fact. To know, to explain this prolonged event in which all the races, that is the true order, the real ideal, adaptability. The greater part of our catechisms are modelled on maxims and dogmas. That is not enough.

Allan Stolz, the Bossuet of popular literature, who gave the touch of sensibility to the Freiburg in Breisgau catechism, first felt the need of a renovation. Public manners, he used to say, no longer convey faith; it is teaching that must preserve it. That is the work that has not yet been done, hence the gap we see to-day.

MY DU BARRY, SAYS RICHELIEU.

I Invented Her Sympathetic Character for Belasco in the Face of History.

The testimony of Jean Richelieu, author, in his litigation against David Belasco over the play "Du Barry," was taken in Paris for use at the trial here and has been sent over to this country. It was taken before John K. Gowdy, United States Consul-General in Paris. Belasco employed Richelieu in July, 1899, to write a play for Mrs. Leslie Carter to be delivered by July 1, 1900. A. H. Hummel, in behalf of Richelieu, is seeking to show that the play produced here is what Richelieu wrote, but Mr. Belasco declares he found that Richelieu had not produced an original play and that he returned the manuscript. Belasco contends that he wrote and thought out the play "Du Barry," which he produced.

Mr. Richelieu says he met Belasco in 1900 at the residence of Miss Elizabeth Marbury at Versailles. Belasco asked Richelieu if he had a play for Mrs. Carter. Richelieu replied that he had two plots in mind. As to one of these plots Richelieu says Belasco took no interest, but he was pleased when Richelieu told him something of a proposed play covering the life of Mme. du Barry. Richelieu says he gave out the details in French and they were interpreted to Belasco in English by Miss Marbury. Part of Richelieu's evidence is:

"I particularly remember when the first time I mentioned the name of Madame du Barry, Mr. Belasco asked me: 'Who is Du Barry?' Then I explained that she was the mistress of Louis XV. Mr. Belasco further asked me that he took the data for the play to Palma, Spain, where he worked at it until June, 1900. At this time he took the play over to London where Belasco was at the time with Mrs. Carter. She was playing in 'Zaza.' Richelieu saw Mrs. Carter play and the three took supper together at which the proposed Du Barry play was talked about. In about two days the manuscript of the play was delivered to Belasco through Miss Marbury. Mr. Richelieu says that Belasco seemed to be pleased with the play and paid him \$1,000 in accordance with contract. Afterward Belasco suggested changes and the shortening of the play, which Richelieu attended to. Belasco had asked Richelieu to suggest the name of a costume for the play and Richelieu named Chaneux, designer of the Comedie Francaise. Chaneux got the contract. Mr. Richelieu says his play gave the life of Du Barry from a milliner at 18 years of age to her death by the guillotine. He continues:

"For lack of her cowardice are historical, but I invented her love for a young man. She helped him to escape and made the character of Du Barry almost entirely a contrary to history. I have taken the names, facts, dates, surroundings and historical personages from history, but I invented for private character of Mrs. du Barry, which I have made contrary to history. I made her a heroine and sympathetic, which is of course absolutely contrary to history. I did this to render the drama pathetic and interesting. This play is my own creation. I have invented the various scenes. I think the character of Du Barry has never been treated in the same manner as I have treated it in this play."

IN NEWPORT SOCIETY.

Dinner in Honor of Ambassador Porter—A Gay Saturday.

Newport, July 19.—A dinner was given to-night by Mrs. Alexander Clarke in honor of Gen. Horace Porter, Ambassador to France. The guests were Mr. Porter, Mr. and Mrs. W. Storer Wells, Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Hoffman, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Child, Miss Josephine Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel E. Keating, Edward J. B. Reed, Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton McK. Twombly, Mrs. May, Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Elbridge T. Gerry, E. J. Curley, Mrs. Walker Ferris and Mrs. Clarke. During the dinner there was music by a band of ordered musicians. Gen. Porter will finish his Newport visit to-morrow and will sail for France on July 21.

Mrs. Stuyvesant Fish gave a dinner to-night at Crossways, her guests numbering twenty-five. After the dinner there was music and a vaudeville entertainment.

F. K. Pendleton entertained at the Glambake Club this afternoon. His guests numbered twenty, and were all men. Other entertainments were a yard party given this afternoon by Mrs. William C. Gardner and dinner to-night by Mrs. Thomas H. Hitchcock, Egerton L. Whitcomb, Mrs. Charles H. Baldwin, Mrs. J. C. Smith and Mrs. Eleanor Martin. The latter dinner was at Berger's, and the guests included the wedding party for the Martin-Derries wedding, which will take place next week. It is now understood that Cardinal Gibbons will come on for the wedding and will assist at the ceremony.

Col. John Jacob Astor arrived here early this morning on the steam yacht Normand, and at once opened his cottage on Bellevue avenue. The Normand had been changed from bark to schooner rig, with two masts.

Mr. and Mrs. James A. Sullivan are the guests of Mrs. James Sullivan on Narragansett avenue.

The wedding of Miss Ethel Davies to Archibald Gourlay Thacher takes place at All Saints' Chapel, Aug. 9. The best man will be George (Knox) Thacher, brother of the bridegroom. The ushers will be I. Townsend Burden, Jr., John Clinton Gray, Jr., Edward Harding, John H. Belmont, Henry C. Gray and Hamilton Thacher. The ceremony will be performed by the Rev. William R. Huntington, D. D., of Grace Church, New York, assisted by the Rev. Henry Morgan Steyer, rector of Trinity Church, this city.

FLED TO HIS DEATH.

Seven-Year-Old Boy, Frightened by Italians, Ran in Front of a Trolley Car.

Seven-year-old Edward Hildebrand of 127 Morgan street, Union Hill, N. J., was watching Italians cleaning the reservoir on the Pull's Ferry road yesterday when the laborers told him and his little friends to run away. The children refused to go at first, and several of the Italians raised their picks and shovels and made for them. In his hurry to get away Hildebrand ran in front of a trolley car, which passed over him. He was picked up badly injured and died three hours later at the North Hudson Hospital.

Jury in Brother Cohen's Case Can't Agree.

The jury in the case of Ralph Cohen, the New York real estate broker who was tried in the Court of General Sessions, Jersey City, for conspiracy with Mrs. Jane West to have her impersonate Mrs. Ellen Dugdale and defraud the New Jersey Title Guarantee and Trust Company by securing a mortgage loan of \$3,500 on a house and lot owned by Mrs. Dugdale, was discharged yesterday by Judge Blair, having failed to agree upon a verdict. The final ballot stood 10 to 2 for acquittal.

Interstate Mariage Bureau.

WILKES-BARRE, Pa., July 19.—So many young couples from this State go across the New York State line to wed, thus avoiding the marriage license fee, that the Pennsylvania legislature has passed a bill providing for the establishment of a bureau for the purpose of combining to rent rooms in Oswego and Waverly, and other places, where wedding parties are being entertained. The bill is now pending in the legislature.

Engagement of Miss Foster Announced.

Announcement is made of the engagement of Miss Carrie Louise Foster, daughter of Ex-Corporation Counsel Walter J. Foster of Long Island City, to Mr. Richard James Nugent of Astoria, a son of the late Capt. R. M. Nugent.

Chauteau Excursion.

Excursion round trip by Erie Railroad, July 26. Tickets good for return August 23. Ask

CHECKMATE ON TOM JOHNSON.

COURT PUTS CLEVELAND OUT OF BUSINESS.

It Can't Grant Franchise or Do Any of the Other Things Essential to the Three-Cent Trolley Railroad Scheme—An Action to Oust All the Condemners.

CLEVELAND, July 19.—Proceedings were begun to-day to oust the members of the City Council from office and a temporary injunction was granted by Circuit Judge Caldwell restraining the Council from performing any but immediately necessary duties in the transaction of public business and from granting franchises or special privileges in the streets.

The suit was brought by Attorney-General J. M. Sheets against J. D. McLain and the other twenty-one members of the City Council. It is based on the recent Supreme Court decision declaring unconstitutional the Federal plan under which Cleveland has been operating. Judge W. W. Boynton represents the Attorney-General in the case and he filed the petition and secured the injunction.

The petition says the members of the City Council are unlawfully holding office and, as alleged officers, are in possession and control of all streets and property owned by the city.

"Defendants recently assumed to grant and have granted to a natural gas company a perpetual franchise under the streets of the city, in which the public interests have received little consideration," continues the petition, "and defendants have taken preliminary steps to the granting of street railway franchises on eleven different routes extending throughout the city, and also have pending before them an ordinance in which a telephone company at present operating under a franchise that fixes the rates seeks to have the franchise rates changed so that they may increase the rates. It is given out that existing franchises are contemplating applying for extensions and renewals of their franchises."

This action knocks out Mayor Johnson's scheme for a three-cent fare street railway, which was to have been constructed by John Hoefgen of New York.

LAW FOR DETECTIVE SERGEANTS.

Mr. Rives Says They Should Not Be Retired on Sergeant's Half Pay.

In reply to Police Commissioner Partridge's request for an opinion on the application of former Detective Sergeant Patrick Fay to be retired on half pay as detective sergeant, Corporation Counsel Rives decides that the application should not be granted and that no detective sergeant should be retired until after he had been reappointed back to patrol duty. This opinion Mr. Rives based on the Laundry decision of the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court, according to which the post of detective sergeant is only a temporary assignment, which may be revoked by the Commissioner at any time.

Fay was one of the men who applied last year by Murphy. He had in advance of the wholesale reduction of the detective force which the Commissioner was to make and tried to forestall the effect of the law as far as he was concerned himself by landing in his application for reappointment an hour before the order in his regard to patrol duty was issued. He was ordered to fight the matter out in the courts. In doing this he will probably have the backing, not only of Murphy and his associates, but also of the old-time men, who are equally affected by the Corporation Counsel's opinion. It has hitherto always been the custom to retire detective sergeants on one-half of the pay they have been drawing as such, or \$1,000 a year. The decision of last year, however, which charter, contains provisions to that effect and on the same day Fay was reduced to patrolman Commissioner Partridge ordered John Downey, one of the old-time sergeants, on \$1,000.

GOVERNOR MURPHY IN CAMP.

He Reviews the Second Brigade of the New Jersey Militia.

SEA GIRT, N. J., July 19.—The Second Brigade was reviewed to-day by Gov. Murphy and Gen. Q. O. M. Gilmore. Gov. Murphy's fine horsemanship was a subject of remark as he sped over the field. A salute of seventeen guns was fired in his honor.

Gov. Murphy took a trip with the Legislative committee appointed to select a site for the new tuberculosis institution, for which the Legislature appropriated \$50,000. The Governor was not impressed with the Times near Lakewood. He said that while the climate might be healthful he doubted if the mountains would be conducive to comfort. He said he favored a site somewhere in Hunterdon county.

Private John Gibson of company H, Third Regiment, who left the camp early this morning to resume his occupation of switchman at Matawan, fell under the cars at that place two hours later and was killed.

FIRE DEPARTMENT PROMOTIONS.

Dooley and Clark Made Battalion Chiefs—Changes in Brooklyn.

Fire Commissioner Sturges yesterday made the following promotions:

To be battalion chiefs Foreman John J. Dooley of Engine 103 and William C. Clark of Engine 6.

To be foreman Assistant Foreman F. C. Spillane of Engine 103, Assistant Foreman J. H. H. McMillen of Engine 120, Engine 121, Engine 122 and Corcoran of Engine 123.

The Commissioner transferred Battalion Chief John J. Fee of Brooklyn from the Thirty-sixth to the Twenty-third district. A number of Brooklyn foremen were also transferred. The Commissioner said he thought he could increase the efficiency of the department in Brooklyn by getting the men out of the old routine.

Retail Bookellers Organize.

At a meeting held Friday evening at Brennan's an organization called the Bookellers of New York City was formed. Its membership includes the retail dealers in books in this city. Its purpose is to promote generally the interests of the retail bookkeeping trade. The officers of the association are: President, Simon Brennan, Vice-President, F. E. Grant, Secretary, E. S. Gorham, Treasurer, H. C. Holm.

Hobo Camp in a Lumber Yard.

Fifteen hobos, who were arrested Friday night in a raid on a lumber yard at Seventh street and the East River, were lined up yesterday in the Essex Market police court. The police of the Union Market station, who arrested them, said they had established the retail dealer in the lumber yard and lived on what they could beg and steal. The Magistrate committed them to the workhouse for ten days.

Improvements to Shearith Israel Synagogue.

Plans have been filed with the Building Bureau for improvements costing \$12,000. To be made to the Shearith Israel Synagogue at 96 and 100 Central Park West. The changes include the reconstruction of the chapel and school rooms at 96 Central Park West into a dwelling for the pastor, the Rev. H. Pereira Mendes.

Outing of the Abernethys.

The twelfth annual outing of State Senator John F. Abernethy's association will take place to-morrow at Point View Island, College Point. The steamboat Cygnus will leave Pier 18, East River, at 9 o'clock There will be baseball games and athletic sports for cash prizes.

Meyer Jonasson & Co.

Will offer to-morrow (Monday) an extremely stylish model:

Shirt Waist Suit,
made of a choice grade of Foulard Silk or Shantung Pongee. These suits are made in our Wholesale Dressmaking Department and do not resemble the ordinary factory product in appearance.

Of Foulard Silk, at \$11.50

Of Pongee Silk, at \$13.75

Midsummer Clearing Sale

of

Shirt Waist Suits.

Of Lawn, at \$2.90

Of Dimity, lace trimmed, at \$3.75

Of Linen, lace trimmed, at \$7.75

Underwear.

Nainsook Gowns, hemstitched, with colored borders, elbow sleeves, at 95c

Extra quality White Lawn full length Kimonos, at \$1.25

White Lawn Kimonos, colored borders, at 50c

Fine Cambric Petticoats, deep flounce, trimmed with tucks and lace, at \$1.10

Colored Lawn Dressing Sacques, trimmed with hemstitching and lace, at 75c

La Corona Batiste Corset,

All whalebone, in four models, regular price \$2.50, \$3.50,

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Our immense stock comprises every article you are looking for of the newest and best styles and the prices are always the lowest. Dress Suits Cases, Travelling Bags, Dressing Cases, Hatted, Tourist Cases, Flasks, Belts, Bowls, Straps, Colored Silk Umbrellas, Hammocks, Negligee Shirts, Bathing Suits, Caps, Shoes, Military Brushes, Perfumes, Soaps, Outing Hats, Gloves, &c.

A SHIRT WAIST CLEARANCE SALE.

Corded Wash Silks, Foulards, Swiss Silks, lined Black China Silk, Embroidered Dress Silks, Tucked Madras, plain colors, Black Lawns, tucked all over and lace trimmed, formerly sold at \$2.75, \$3.50 and \$4.25, on sale Monday at \$1.98 each

CORSET SPECIAL.—Our \$1.00 Batiste Short Waist Corset, always suitable for bathing, at 89c

A RIBBON OFFERING.

Thousands of yards of fine Silk Ribbons on centre tables. For Customers, Curtains or Fancy Wear, others are more suitable for Dress Trimming, Millinery and Neckwear, while others are better adapted to the innumerable uses which the women of today can find in the various styles of ribbon, especially when they can be had at the remarkably low prices which we quote.

For the 1 and 2 inch widths 5c. yard
For the 2 1/2 in., 3 in., 4 in., 5 in., and 6 in. widths, 10c., 15c., 19c. and 25c. per yard

The above prices are about one-half those usually charged for the same qualities of ribbon.

BATHING SUITS.—For Women, Misses and Children, in black and blue brilliantine, sailor collars, trimmed with white braid, sizes 34 to 44; special \$1.98, \$2.50, \$3.25

Also a full assortment of Bathing Caps, Shoes and Bags.

KIMONO GOWNS, in white and black polka dots; also a few in colors; special at 95c

PEDESTRIAN SKIRTS, of all wool cloth, deep flounce, heavily stitched; also 7 cord flare with slit seams and with tucked yoke, white and self-stitched, blue and black \$4.98, value \$7.00

A large force of shopping clerks will promptly fill all orders by mail. Address communications in the firm's name always.

Broadway, 8 and 9 Sts.

HANSEN HIS OWN SLEUTH.

Causes the Arrest of Another of the Men Who, He Says, Tried to Bump Him.

Frederick J. Hansen, the Georgia fruit grower who had an experience with alleged bump men in a room at 235 East Twenty-third street on Friday, did a little detective work on Friday night in a search for the three who were not arrested. He changed his suit of clothes, replaced his slouch hat with a derby, put on a pair of green goggles and took a walk with Detective Toot through the Tenderloin.

They finally went to Seventh avenue, and as they approached Van Nelson's saloon, on the corner of Thirtieth street, the Georgian whispered to the detective: "There's one of them."

When they passed the man the Georgian said: "Hello, Curtis. How are you?"

The man did not recognize him at first, and he had to look at him for a while. "I hope you have no hard feelings against me. I was deceived in that crowd of men I introduced you to. However, you have learned something by this experience."

"Yes, I've learned a whole lot," responded the Georgian.

"Who's your friend?" introduced him, and I'll take you two to a place where we'll have a good time," went on the man.

"My friend is Detective Root," answered the fruit grower. The detective arrested the man, who gave the name of Frederick Allen and refused to give any address. When he was arraigned in the Yorkville police court yesterday Hansen told Magistrate Cornell that the prisoner was the man who accosted him on lower Broadway and took him to the East Twenty-seventh street house.

The prisoner was held for examination with the man previously arrested.

Set Home Afire in the Night.

A two-story frame house at 7 Whipple street, Williamsburg, occupied by Charles Schwartz, a second-hand furniture dealer, was set on fire with kerosene oil yesterday morning. Schwartz, his wife and four children were asleep at the time. Harry Charnatz, a tenant at 5 Whipple street, discovered the blaze at 2 o'clock. He called for help and a policeman put it out. Neither Schwartz nor his family knew of their danger until the fire was out.

Big Tract of Florida Timber Sold.

VALDESA, Fla., July 19.—A trade was closed here to-day for 44,000 acres of timber land in Lake and Sumpter counties, Florida, the sellers being the S. L. Varnedoe Land Company and the Winn Ashley Land Company. The amount of money involved in the deal is a little over \$100,000, and a syndicate of Wisconsin capitalists is the purchaser.

B. Altman & Co.

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Women's, Initialed, \$2.00 dozen, 18c. each.

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Foulard Shirt Waist Suits,

\$12.50.

Linen Shirt Waist Suits,

\$6.75.

Walking and Golf Suits,

In Tweed Mixtures, \$16.50.

Value, \$28.00 . . . \$16.50.

Lawn Dressing Sacques,

\$2.00.

Dotted Swiss and India Silk Matinees

Lace Trimmed,

\$5.00.

Chambray, Linen and Grenadine Waists,

\$1.50 and \$2.00.

Printed Silk Foulards,

Desirable Styles and Colorings,

50c. Per Yard.

Broadway & 19th Street.

THIEF CAUGHT IN CITY HALL.

Who Had Stashed a \$5 Bill in Front of Emigrant Savings Bank.

Mrs. Kate Mocking had just left the Emigrant Industrial Savings Bank on Chambers street yesterday forenoon and was handing a five-dollar bill to her grandson on the sidewalk when a young man snatched the bill, and ran across the City Hall Park with a crowd at his heels. He ran through the County Court House and up to the second floor of the City Hall. The clerk brought the clerk in President Cantor's office out into the corridor and one of them, named Burke, caught the thief. The five-dollar bill was found on him. He said his name was William Simons.

Boers Hall for Rotterdam.

Thirteen Boer soldiers who arrived from Bermuda on Monday sailed yesterday for Rotterdam